



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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John Gianulis, Treasurer
Illinois Democratic Party
489 Merchandise Mart
Chicago, IL 60654

Identification Number: C00167015

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Mr. Gianulis:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

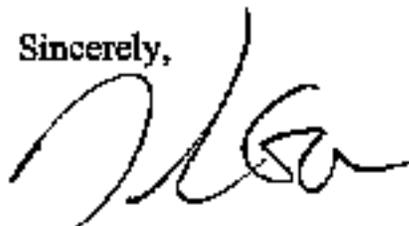
Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the total EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE amount for a payment(s) to the Springfield Hilton on 5/29/97, DNC Travel Offset on 4/9/97 and all other vendors for fundraising activity. Please amend your report to include the missing EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total(s).

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for administrative/voter drive and fundraising activities are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct administrative/voter drive and fundraising EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



Neil Evans
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule (S) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Democratic Party of Illinois

| Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code | Purpose of Disbursement | Date (month, day, year) | Amount of Each Receipt this period |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Blagojevich For Congress 3657 N. Kedzie Chicago IL. 60618 | Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | 01/27/1997 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Jesse Jackson For Congress P. O. Box 49286 Chicago IL 60649 | Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | 01/27/1997 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Jesse Jackson For Congress P. O. Box 49286 Chicago IL 60649 | Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | 01/27/1997 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Lipinski For Congress 5838 S. Archer Chicago IL. 60638 | Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | 01/27/1997 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Lipinski For Congress 5838 S. Archer Chicago IL. 60638 | Disbursement for: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | 01/27/1997 | \$ 5,000.00 |
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